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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a divisional application of prior pending Application No. 10/031,412, filed January 18, 2002.

For (Title): PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF NAPROXENE  
NITROXYALKYLESTERS

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1.  A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
  - a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
  - b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2.  The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

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BASIC FEE		
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3.  A Check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is attached.
4.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
5.  Cancel claims 1-5 of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
6.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a Division of Application No. 10/031,412 filed January 18, 2002. The disclosure of the prior application(s) is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--
7.  Priority of foreign application No. MI99A001753 filed August 4, 1999 in Italy is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).

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8.  The certified copy of the priority document has been received in the prior National Stage Application No. 10/031,412, filed January 18, 2002 from the International Bureau.
9.  The prior application is assigned of record to NICOX S.A. recorded at Reel 012758, Frame 0110 on January 18, 2002.
10.  A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
11.  An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449.
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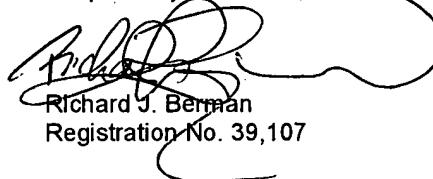
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